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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat submits herewith, for consideration, a proposed programme of work for the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources, taking into account the time available and the conference services allocated to the Committee (see annex below).

2. The present schedule should be considered tentative and indicative. In order to utilize the time available to the Committee in an efficient manner, it is suggested that delegations wishing to make statements in the general discussion of agenda items should inscribe their names on the list of speakers as early as possible.

3. As to the length of statements in the general discussion, it is proposed that a 5- to 7-minute time-limit be set for the delivery of statements.

4. Two meetings a day with interpretation have been allocated to the Committee (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. These arrangements are reflected in the proposed programme of work.

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Annex

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 6 May

a.m. and p.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3	Activities of the United Nations system in the field of water and mineral resources, and inter-agency coordination focusing on progress made towards achieving sustainable development

Tuesday, 7 May

a.m.	Item 3	Continued
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3

Friday, 17 May

p.m.	Item 12	Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee
	Item 13	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

Working Group on Mineral Resources

Tuesday, 7 May

p.m.	Item 7	Inflow of funds and new technologies in the mineral sector of developing countries and economies in transition:

(a) Complementarity between the roles and obligations of investors and involved parties of host countries considering the intrinsic value of mineral deposits and accrued benefits

(b) Socio-economic aspects of the privatization of State-owned mineral assets

Wednesday, 8 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 8 New global and regional approaches on mineral resource assessment and the role of the United Nations system:

(a) Integration of existing information on mineral resource potential so as to develop a global understanding

(b) Interregional Workshop to formulate a pilot project in developing standard approaches to the identification and assessment of permissive mineral tracts

Item 9 Developments